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ON THE AIR WITH THE LYONS

The Cousin from Canada is a lad of many parts

A DOOR knob rattled off the handle and bounced across the floor. A head with that conveniently short hair which looks the same whether it has been brushed or not, looked into the room. Richard Bellaers was making his entrance.

But it was no new experience; in the past year this 13-year-old boy with a quirk of mischievous humour about his lips, has grown accustomed to making entrances.

Richard's first professional appearance was in a nature-study class on the BBC programme for the schools.

"I nearly made a mess of that," he recalls. "I wanted to laugh. The announcer was having his lunch. It fascinated me the way he took a bite out of his sandwich, swallowed, spoke into the microphone, and then picked up his sandwich again. I wondered how much attention all the children in their classrooms would have been paying to nature-study if they could have seen what was actually going on in the studio."

RICHARD THE FROMOLOGIST

Had the sandwich been a cheese one, no doubt Richard's attention would have been diverted still further from his cues by speculation about the label that had been on the cheese.

For Richard Bellaers is a collector of cheese labels, though he does not call himself that. "Fromologist" is the correct title, and he spells it proudly so that there shall be no mistake.

He vigorously defends his hobby against those inclined to be amused or to see no purpose in collecting cheese labels.

"It's just as instructive as stamps," he declares. "I have cheese labels from all over the world, including a Russian one! If you collect properly, you learn all about each label—the country it comes from, what the conditions are like, who makes the cheese, and how."

FIRST STAGE APPEARANCE

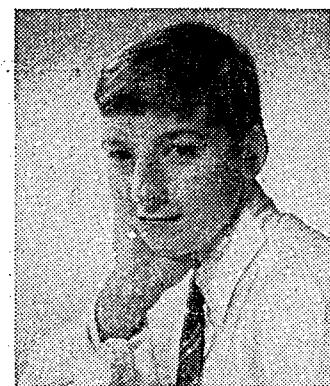
For a boy with such an inquiring mind it was natural that he should find himself at home asking questions in the BBC Schools' programme. These broadcasts led to other engagements. He played the rôle of Temple in the Jennings at School series, Jack in Swiss Family Robinson, appeared in one or two advertisement films, and last Christmas made his stage debut in Noddy in Toyland.

"That was a bit frightening at first," he confesses. "I was used to a BBC studio which is small and cosy, with everyone very friendly. After that the Stoll theatre seemed a huge place.

"During rehearsals the producer used to stand at the back of the gallery and keep calling out: 'Can't hear you! Can't hear you!'"

"But once we had got the knack of throwing our voices, it was all right. And when the show started, and you could feel that the audience was liking you—that was much more thrilling than talking into a microphone."

Nevertheless, Richard Bellaers' favourite and most exciting rôle to date has been that of Robin



Richard Bellaers

Lyon, the Canadian cousin in the Life with the Lyons radio series.

He thinks that it was largely a fondness for playing "cops and robbers" that earned him the rôle.

"I always liked being the American gangster," he says, "and I used to imitate the accent a lot. So at the audition when I was asked to talk with a slight American accent, it was not too difficult."

"After that all the Lyons helped me a lot. They treated me like one of the family, and made me feel that I really was their cousin."

But what Richard Bellaers likes most about his rôle as Robin Lyon is that it has given him his first chance of comedy. Ever since he first listened to Tommy Handley in Itma, he has wanted to be a comedian.

He received much encouragement from his father, who was keenly interested in amateur theatricals; and after his mother

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FREE TRIP TO CANADA

Forty schoolboys from Bradford, Birmingham, Glasgow, and London will enjoy a month's visit to Canada this summer.

These annual tours, organised under the educational trust founded by Mr. W. H. Rhodes, a Bradford industrialist and philanthropist, are for Secondary schoolboys between the ages of 17 and 19. This is the seventh in the series. This year the boys leave Southampton on July 29 to visit Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, the Niagara Falls, and Ottawa.

The trust was created after 30 Bradford schoolboys had visited Canada in 1937 as Mr. Rhodes's guests.

60 YEARS UNDERGROUND

Mr. Joe Dews, of Ossett, who is to retire this year, has spent more than 60 years working underground at the same seam of coal, the Silkstone.

Quick off the mark

Ambitious for sprinting triumphs, 16-year-old Avril Smith of the Spartan Ladies' Athletic Club practises split-second starts in the Old Deer Park at Richmond, Surrey.

FLYING A PLANE BEFORE IT IS BUILT

Electronic "brains," linked to a dummy cockpit of an aircraft still in the design stage, are enabling pilots at the Short aircraft factory to "fly" a new jet plane before it has been built.

The dummy cockpit has normal controls and instruments, but they are actually fed by signals generated by pre-set computers.

The control column and rudder bar are provided electro-mechanically with the right amount of "feel," enabling a pilot to judge whether the plane will handle satisfactorily. If he is not satisfied the plane is modified.

WATCH WINDS ITSELF

The first self-winding watch ever made has just been presented to the British Horological Institute in Finsbury, and may be seen by visitors on request.

Mr. John Harwood, a watchmaker and jeweller at Harrow, made it in 1922. It was a wonderful invention, but did not bring the inventor a fortune, and he still works at his Harrow shop.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Plans for Christmas are already being made. For instance, the Regent Street Association Ltd. have decided that this London street shall have lighting in the form of an artificial snowstorm.

EXPLAINING THE PRIVY COUNCIL

By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

MEETINGS of the Privy Council rarely attract attention until they are seen against the background of dramatic events. Such was the case the other day when three Privy Councillors flew to Balmoral Castle.

There the Queen proclaimed a State of Emergency arising from the strike of footplate men and by Order in Council approved regulations to deal with the situation.

But why the Privy Council? Why is this not done by the Cabinet whom we have always understood to be the Queen's advisers? What is the Privy Council?

One big fact brought out by the Balmoral visit is that all three Privy Councillors concerned were members of the Government, one of them—the Marquis of Salisbury—being not only a Cabinet Minister but Lord President of the Council.

The brief explanation is that during our history the Cabinet developed as a committee of the Privy Council. Gradually the Cabinet came to take over the executive, or governing, duties of that ancient body—called Privy, or private, because it was originally a body of confidential advisers to the Sovereign within the Great Council of the realm.

SPEEDY ACTION

For constitutional purposes the Privy Council can move with much greater speed than Parliament, to which it is ultimately answerable. All members of the Cabinet are Privy Councillors. Nowadays there are about 300 members, any three of whom form a quorum (fixed number able to conduct business). That is why three went to Balmoral.

Some historians trace the origin of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council back to the days of King Alfred in 895. But it came to maturity at the courts of the Norman kings.

Originally it had as few as a dozen members, and it was simply a body which helped the Sovereign to govern.

They met in solemn splendour around the monarch, the peers and bishops sitting together at the side of the council chamber. The commoners, who were regarded as inferior, sat in the middle on four woolsacks, because wool was England's staple industry then.

LORDS AND COMMONERS

Out of this arrangement grew the present House of Lords. More and more the commoners felt slighted by their "superiors" and went off to sit separately in a chamber of their own.

At that time the dignitary who became known as the Lord Chancellor was not a peer. But he remained in the House of Lords because he presided over it, and thus he retained his woolsack.

From this breakaway grew the rule that a Privy Councillor who is a commoner cannot join in debates in the Lords. He must be content to stand or sit on the steps of the Throne in that chamber.

The modern Privy Council grew not only from these pressures but from the Commons' assertion of their right to control finance. As

the Cabinet came out of its chrysalis in the Privy Council the modern departments of State also grew up and took over the administration of affairs hitherto controlled by Privy Council committees.

In this way came into being such Whitehall departments as the Board of Trade and the Ministries of Education, Agriculture, and Housing and Local Government.

The best-known branch of the Privy Council still retained is the famous judicial committee, one of the most authoritative bodies of its kind in the world. Its influence in matters of law extends throughout the British Commonwealth.

Orders in Council, the main instruments through which the Privy Council acts, are used to give effect to many of the Sovereign's prerogatives (special rights or powers). As was seen during the rail strike, they can be put swiftly into effect to deal with a desperate situation.

NO LEGISLATIVE POWER

Indeed, the value of the Privy Council was underlined in that crisis, for Parliament not only was not sitting but was not even in being after the general election.

But the Privy Council does not legislate, which is the main purpose of Parliament. And any Order in Council can be cancelled by a Resolution of both Houses.

Privy Councillors are appointed for the lifetime of the Sovereign and six months after. Nowadays the Sovereign renews the appointment of Privy Councillors of the previous reign.

Carved in coal



A life-size bust of a miner, carved from anthracite by Mr. Atri Brown, a Chelsea sculptor. The bust will be displayed at the International Exhibition of Mining Art and Metalwork in Paris from June 18 to July 3.

Homage to Pepys

At the annual memorial service for Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), held in the City of London, recently, the present Secretary to the Admiralty, Sir John Lang, G.C.B., told of the work of this great little man for the Royal Navy. Sir John described himself as the 30th holder of this office since Pepys's time.

The yearly service is held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, the church attended every Sunday morning by the writer of the immortal Diary and his colleagues of the nearby Navy Office.

Despite serious damage from bombing, St. Olave's is now fully restored, with rough-hewn medieval stones in the aisles setting off the splendid oak of the new organ loft. The monument to Pepys himself looks across to the chancel where the bust of his wife, Elizabeth, who lives so vividly in the Diary, is back in its old niche, as he would have wished.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attended the ceremony and watched the placing of a laurel wreath, symbol of fame, in front of the diarist's monument.

St. Olave's stands on the corner of Seething Lane, where Mr. and Mrs. Pepys had their home for a number of years. The Diary describes their domestic life here, and their Sunday church-goings.

For those who know and cherish Pepys's Diary, to sit in his own church, and to join in some of the very hymns he may have sung there, is a memorable and moving experience.

On the air with the Lyons

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had been won over he was allowed to go to evening dramatic classes at the Gladys Dare school in Surbiton, from which, among others, Petula Clark graduated.

Soon Gladys Dare was notifying his parents that the boy had a talent with possibilities far beyond amateur theatricals, and Richard entered the school as a full-time pupil, taking the complete curriculum of school education, drama, elocution, and dancing. Dancing is essential to Richard's hope of becoming a comedian.

At the moment a silver cap over one of Richard's front teeth points the way to the future. It is straightening a crooked tooth in preparation for television appearances.

NEW USE FOR OLD BARN

An ancient barn at Minster, Thanet, on a farm said to have been given to Anne of Cleves by Henry VIII, has been converted into a huge grain-drying and storing plant. It is fitted with the latest electrical handling devices and has 13 motors, and it is claimed that one man will be able to do work for which ten would normally be needed.

But, seen from the outside, the old barn is little changed.

News from Everywhere

OLD FOSSIL

The Natural History Museum state that a fossilised sea urchin found by ten-year-old David Hammond near his home at Bromley, Kent, is 60 million years old.

Staple Inn, Holborn, long associated with the medieval wool merchants, has been reopened after war damage repairs.

The opening of BEA's helicopter service between London Airport and the South Bank has been postponed owing to silencer trouble on the helicopters.

Four young Père-David deer from the world's only herd—at Woburn Park, Bedfordshire—are to be sent to China, where the species originated.

HOSPITAL GIFT

To mark the centenary of Philadelphia's children's hospital, London's Hospital for Sick Children presented a block and gavel made from the wood of a plane tree which grew in its grounds.

A State Opera House has been planned in Sydney, with auditoriums to seat 3500 and 1200 people.

IF AT FIRST...

Dr. G. B. Brewster of London is to make his 17th bid to swim the Channel. He is 63.

Eastwood Church, Essex, in urgent need of restoration, has received from a Canadian timber firm a gift of nearly a ton of cedar shingles for the steeple and tower.

RECORD-HOLDER

Mme. Jacqueline Auriol, daughter-in-law of the former French president, has set up an unofficial air speed record for women of 708 m.p.h. in a French fighter.

Short courses to adjust Colonial students to Britain's way of life are being arranged by the British Council.

DIGGING MADE EASY

Basford Council, Nottinghamshire, is considering the purchase of a digging machine which could be hired by tenants for their gardens.

The Blackburn Times recently completed 100 years of publication.

SHEPHERDING WHALES

To save some 200 whales being stranded on the beach by retreating tides at Orkney, Mr. James Wilson went out in his motor-boat and drove them away.

A painting race is being organised near Paris. The prize is for the best landscape completed between nine in the morning and six in the evening.



Keep up with
**GENERAL
KNOWLEDGE!**

1 What is a "filter" on a traffic light?
(a) the shade over the signals,
(b) the actuating strip in the road, (c) a green arrow permitting you to turn left against the red light?

2 Which travels fastest —
(a) a cheetah,
(b) a swallow,
(c) a lion?

The **DUNLOP** cadet knows all the answers

1 (c) Be specially careful when "filtering".
2 (b) A swallow can fly at 106 m.p.h. 3 (a) Measures heat value in gas-supply. 4 (a) By Percy Lamber. 5 (c) Leonardo da Vinci.

SCORING: 10 marks for every correct answer. 50—top of the class. 40-30—good. Below 30—Smarten up there!



This quiz is provided for your amusement by the Dunlop Rubber Company Limited 54/107

Fortrose, near Inverness, will hold its celebrations for a week from June 18; Kirkcudbright, in the south of Scotland, from July 3 to 9; and Cullen (Banff) from July 13 to 20.

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LOOKING AT THE SKYSUN TO BE ECLIPSED FOR
SEVEN MINUTES

Studying the glorious halo of light

ON July 4 the Sun will be at its farthest from us—94,400,000 miles away. And on Sunday, June 19, the Moon will be at its nearest to us—222,430 miles away. So this weekend the disc of the Moon will appear at its biggest while that of the Sun will appear at almost its smallest.

The difference in size is not likely to be noticed in either case, but if the Sun and Moon came together, the difference would be considerable. (Proper precautions against the brilliant sunlight should be taken if looking at the Sun.)

On Sunday the Sun will have an apparent diameter of 31

minutes; seven minutes in which much will have to be done by observation, photography, and measurements to learn more about this mysterious region which encircles the Sun for several millions of miles, and indirectly affects us considerably.

One of the chief objectives will be to find out definitely what constitutes the Solar Corona, that glorious halo of light that extends in places for millions of miles for ever enveloping the Sun and for ever changing.

It is likely that the Corona is intimately associated with solar cyclones which indicate whether the Sun is in a calm or a disturbed state.

Now, as shown by the accompanying picture, the Coronal streamers tend to expand to the right and left, that is, above the Sun's equatorial regions rather than the polar; so the coming eclipse is timely for the study of conditions round the Sun. G.F.M.

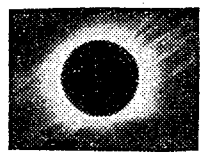
Starting young



Only four, but already quite at home in the saddle is Carol Peter Bouwens, of Littleton in Middlesex.

minutes, 32 seconds-of-arc, and the Moon's apparent diameter will be 33 minutes and 23 seconds-of-arc. This will be of particular value to astronomers, for on June 23 the Moon will pass in front of the Sun and, because of the Moon's bigger disc, will produce a total eclipse lasting the exceptionally long time of seven minutes.

Unfortunately, this eclipse will not be visible from Britain. It



will be seen to greatest advantage in Ceylon, Indo-China, and the Philippines. Such prolonged periods of total eclipse are very rare, occurring only once in 18½ years. Their great value to astronomers is that they give them an opportunity to learn more about the mysterious region of the Solar System between the Earth and the fiery area which encloses the Sun's Photosphere, or luminous surface.

This region between the Earth and the Sun is more difficult to explore than any other part of the sky owing to the Sun's radiance, which obliterates everything else in the vicinity.

The coming Total Eclipse will provide astronomers with a darkened sky for seven precious

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Mutiny of the Bounty

JUNE 14, 1789. TIMOR, off JAVA—An open boat arrived at this island today with 19 men aboard who had sailed her nearly 4000 miles. This has revealed a spectacular story of mutiny on the high seas.

One of the 19 in the boat was Captain Bligh, of the discovery ship *Bounty*, which left Spithead in December 1787.

Mutiny occurred on the morning of April 28 last when some of the petty officers and seamen under the leadership of Captain

Bligh's mate, Fletcher Christian, seized command of the ship.

Captain Bligh, and 18 of his crew—including the ship's surgeon—were packed into the ship's launch—an open boat only 23 feet in length—and cast adrift.

The captain, by considerable skill, resource, and courage, has succeeded in bringing this frail craft a distance of 3618 miles. The 19 men have managed to exist more than 40 days on shell-fish and fruit gathered at small islands on the way.

Cromwell's victory at Naseby

JUNE 15, 1645. MARKET HARBOROUGH—All indications are that the battle fought at Naseby near here yesterday has decided the Civil War.

The Royalist forces have been totally routed, and King Charles's baggage, containing letters to his Queen and important documents, has been seized.

It is an outstanding personal success for Lieutenant-General Oliver Cromwell, though it is admitted on all sides that he had

considerable advantage in numbers.

Despite their defeat, the honour of battle goes to the brave "Bluecoats" under Prince Rupert who, overpowered by Cromwell's Ironsides, were the last to break. They died where they stood.

When all was lost the courageous Prince Rupert made a vain attempt to rally the Cavaliers, but the retreat could not be stopped and became a rout.

Rebel killed in London

JUNE 15, 1381. LONDON—The mortally wounded rebel, Wat Tyler, was dragged out of St. Bartholomew's Hospital today and, by the orders of Mayor Walworth, immediately beheaded.

Some days ago Wat Tyler was chosen as leader by rebellious peasants who had seized Rochester Castle. He led them to Canterbury and into London, and at the Mile End yesterday afternoon met the King to state the rebel demands.

This morning another parley

took place at Smithfield, when Tyler shook the King's hand and drank a great draught of beer in his presence.

Trouble broke out when the Keeper of Rochester Castle, who was in the King's retinue, described Tyler as the greatest thief and robber in Kent. Tyler attempted to kill the Keeper and was wounded.

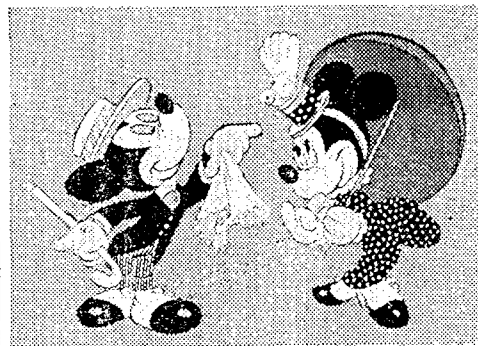
He was carried by his followers to the nearby hospital but Mayor Walworth had him brought out and executed.

RADIO
AND TV

WORLD-FAMOUS MOUSE

Walt Disney tells the story of Mickey

MICKEY MOUSE seems to have been capering around for as long as most of us can remember, but, of course, he had to begin sometime. How he started, and the tale of his restless and exciting life, will be told in TV on Friday by Walt Disney himself in *The Mickey Mouse Story*.



Mickey and Minnie Mouse

Cal and Ladybird

THAT happy-go-lucky cowboy, Cal McCord, always a favourite in Children's TV, is back in the programme this Wednesday evening. Ladybird, his pony, will be in the studio, too. She will be taken up in the scenery lift.

This is the third film in the Disneyland series.

The first sequence shows how Disney got the idea for this skinny, barefooted nobody who became a world-famous star. The film goes on to show bits of Mickey's first big picture, *Plane Crazy*, his meeting with his pal Pluto, and how they were later joined by Goofy and Donald Duck, those other lovable characters created by Walt Disney.

He thinks one of Mickey's greatest triumphs was to act as *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* in *Fantasia*, with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

More programmes from the Continent

WITH the reopening of international exchanges we can shortly expect more TV from the Continent.

Imlay Watts, the BBC's ambassador to the other Eurovision countries, had just returned from Milan when I met him the other day. He had been assisting the Italian TV Service in equipping its new Eurovision presentation suite.

Each of the other countries in the TV network, he tells me, are installing similar control centres so that programmes between the continents can be handled as swiftly as calls in a telephone exchange.

On track and road

THIS is a very good week in TV for motorcycle enthusiasts with both speedway and road-racing being shown. On Thursday viewers will see part of the National League speedway match between Wembley and Belle Vue at Wembley's Empire Stadium.

Saturday afternoon will bring two visits to Aberdare, South Wales, for racing on the Aberdare Park Road Circuit. Normally this is held in May and August; Saturday's event is an extra, specially arranged for TV.

Aboard a carrier

CHILDREN'S HOUR stole a march—or should it be a sail?—on TV with its live broadcast from the aircraft carrier *Bulwark* on May 26. Now TV retaliates by offering viewers three broadcasts from the carrier during operations off the Isle of Wight on July 6, 7, and 8.

In the first programme viewers will have a deck-level picture of aircraft taking off and landing with the catapult and arrester gear in action. Navigation will be demonstrated, too, with *Bulwark* turning into the wind as her aircraft take off and land. A mock naval action will follow on July 7 and, for light relief, the final broadcast will be a variety show in the main hangar, with Eric Barker topping the bill.

Richard Dimbleby and Berkeley Smith will give the commentaries. TV signals from *Bulwark* will be picked up on a mobile receiving station at St. Catherine's Point, Isle of Wight.

Submarine escape



Breaking surface in the 100-foot-deep training tank at H.M.S. Dolphin

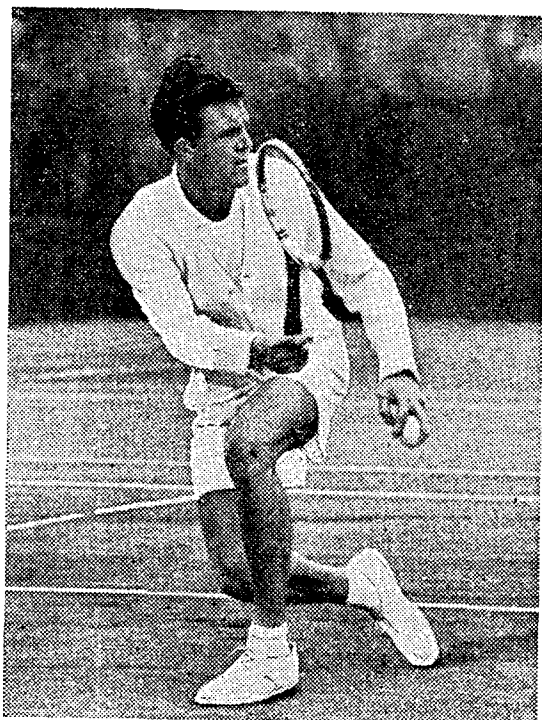
RESCUE from sunken submarines promises one of the most thrilling of the Escape broadcasts which Douglas Fleming is presenting live in the Home Service on Wednesday evenings. Already we have had deliverance from Earth and Fire; this week it is rescue from the deep—the story of work in the Escape Training Tower of H.M.S. Dolphin at Portsmouth.

Raymond Baxter will link the commentaries from observers overlooking the 100-foot-deep water tank. It contains escape chambers of the type built into

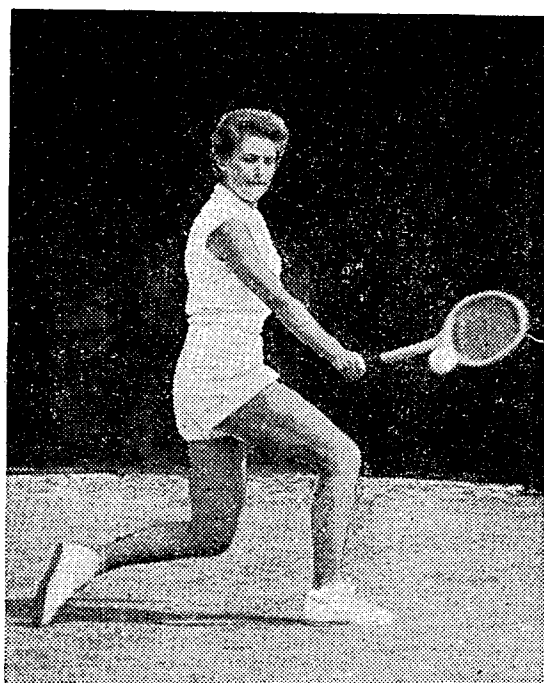
submarines, a number of observation chambers, and a diving bell from which instructors can supervise training.

Alun Williams will be talking in a typical submarine escape chamber from which the crew, using immersion suits and Davis apparatus, rise to the surface through a twill trunk. Brian Johnston will describe escapes from a one-man chamber now being built into the latest submarines. The men need no special apparatus but are shot to the surface with the help of a piston. ERNEST THOMSON

Young Britain in the picture at Wimbledon



Roger Becker of Croydon, Surrey



Angela Buxton of London



Shirley Bloomer of Grimsby

THE great Wimbledon fortnight has come round again. Next Monday the first of 300,000 visitors will pass through the gates of the All England Club to watch the world's finest lawn tennis players striving for the game's most coveted honours.

Who will they cheer on to ultimate victory? At a time when there appear to be so many good players and so few great players it is difficult to forecast the winners.

But of one thing we can be certain: young Britons will hold the attention longer than at any Wimbledon tournament since before the war. Britain at last has a number of men who can hold their own against all but the world's very best, and our women players should once again prove that they are second only to the leading Americans.

Indeed, in the absence of Maureen Connolly (Little Mo), Margaret Du Pont, and Shirley Fry from the Ladies' Singles Championships, it is possible that Angela Mortimer will be a semi-finalist, even a finalist. Her achievement in winning the French Championship will certainly have given her confidence.

The main obstacles in the path of this British girl will undoubtedly be Doris Hart, Louise Brough, and Beverley Baker

Fleitz—a formidable trio from America. Louise Brough has been champion three times; Doris Hart has won the title once, and Mrs. Fleitz last year beat Little Mo.

Other British girls who have shown that they are among the best players in Europe are Pat Ward, Shirley Bloomer, and Angela Buxton; we can expect to see them challenging for a place in the semi-finals.

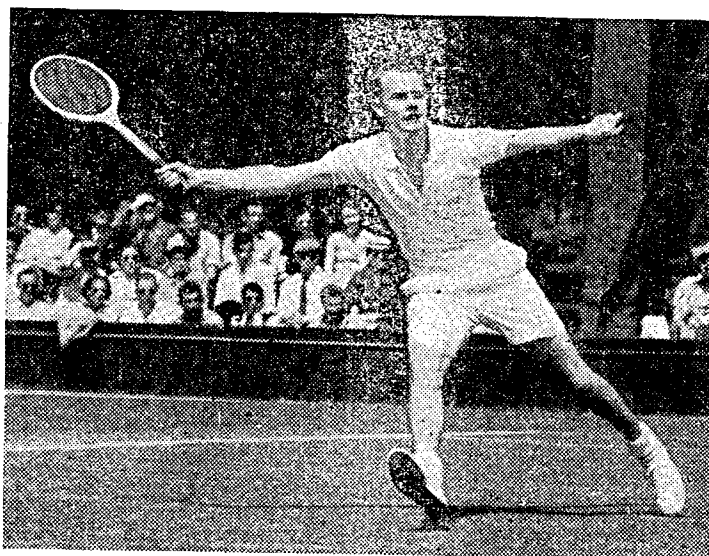
Turning to the men, the prospect is not nearly so bright. A British Singles champion this year is but a dream.

But our young men are showing such promise that in a few years' time we can expect to have a British champion. Mike Davies, Bob Wilson, Billy Knight, and Roger Becker are rapidly developing into top-class players.

Only a few weeks ago no less an authority than the great French veteran Henri Cochet was predicting that these four would form the nucleus of a British team that in five years' time would win the Davis Cup.

Meanwhile, at this year's Wimbledon, they will be pitting their skill against some of the world's best players, and the experience will be invaluable.

But come what may, Wimbledon will have its usual share of thrills and disappointments and, we hope, of sunshine, too.



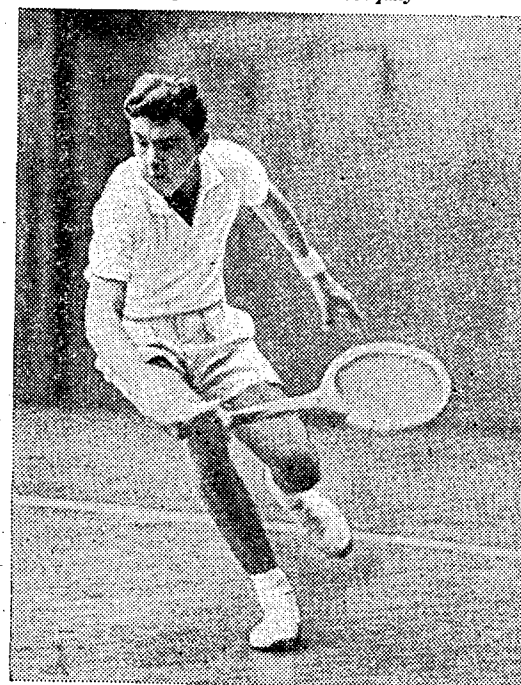
Bob Wilson of London



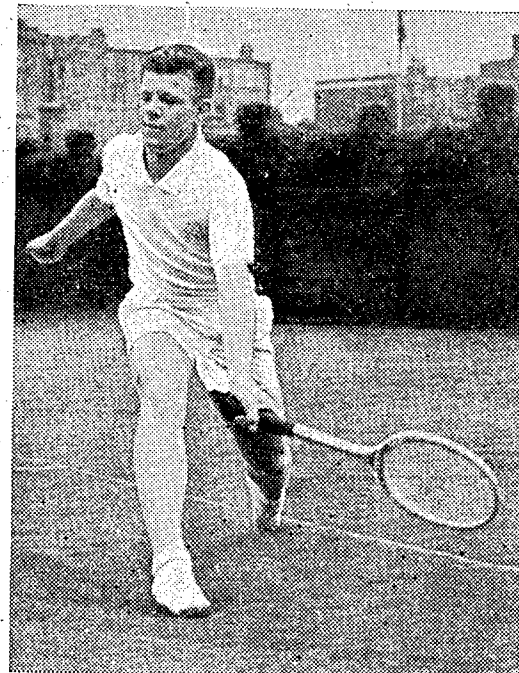
Pat Ward of Guildford, Surrey



Angela Mortimer of Torquay



Michael Davies of Swansea



Billy Knight of Northampton

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ON TOP

FLY the flag higher! We British may have lost a football match or two lately, but when it comes to climbing mountains we seem to be well on top.

Kangchenjunga of the Himalayas, the world's third highest peak, has at last been conquered—and by a British team.

The great news came almost exactly two years after that of the conquest of Everest and, to add to our pride, we learned at the same time that a team of dauntless Scots women had climbed yet another Himalayan peak never scaled before.

There are no cheering crowds to spur on mountaineers as they battle their way up through the clouds; and disaster lurks on pinnacle and precipice. Their victories are won amid stark loneliness and against fearful odds. Their efforts seem to dwarf all other feats of endurance.

But perhaps the most striking aspect of this great news from Kangchenjunga is that the mountaineers denied themselves the thrill of planting their feet on the very summit. They deliberately stopped a few feet short of it rather than offend the Sikkimese people, who regard the mountain top as the home of their gods and sacred territory.

In their very moment of triumph these brave men showed respect for the feelings of others. It was the crown of their achievement.

The Editor's Table

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

LOVE thy neighbour as thyself, advises the Bible, and the good people of the little seaside village of Plockton, in the Scottish Highlands, are certainly acting on it.

Some time ago the house of 73-year-old Mr. Alick Urquhart was burnt to the ground with all its contents. Immediately the villagers called a meeting and decided that they would rebuild the house without any cost to him.

Every man and boy has offered assistance in clearing the site and in the building operations. The tradesmen and craftsmen of the district will lend their skill free of charge, while a local contractor is giving the necessary sand and gravel. Not to be outdone, the women of the village are providing the furniture and hangings.

*How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.*

Think on These Things

JESUS tells us that the work of the Holy Spirit is to reprove us of sin, to speak to us of righteousness, and to warn us of judgement. The Holy Spirit reproves us of sin when it makes us aware of things in our lives which must be changed.

The Holy Spirit speaks to us of righteousness. Our standard of conduct is not what other people do or think, but what Jesus wants us to do.

Then the Holy Spirit warns us of judgement. With the coming of Jesus light has come into the world, and we are judged by whether we come to that light, or turn away from it.

In all our efforts the thing that is most important is that we should try to do what Jesus wants.
O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Dean Swift wrote: The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet, and Doctor Merryman.

Yeoman service

A LADY who took her father, a complete invalid, to see the Tower of London has written to The Times describing how some of the Yeoman Warders ("Beefeaters") carried him upstairs to see the Crown Jewels. Afterwards she tried to give them something for their kindness, but they refused and said "it was all in the line of duty."

All praise to these guardians of London's ancient fortress for keeping bright the ancient tradition of "yeoman service"—given from a sense of public duty without thought of reward.

Chancellor's seal



Obverse side of a new seal designed by Mr. Gilbert Ledward, R.A., for the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, June 20, 1925

THE breeding of big black pigs is of such importance that a society exists for their cultivation.

So urgent is the need for improving the means of marking these pigs that special attention is drawn to it in a newly-issued journal devoted to inventions. A machine is wanted with which the farmer can quickly tattoo the ears of the pig with an identification mark, and inventors are earnestly desired to turn their attention to such an instrument. A machine for tattooing black pigs' ears may sound a funny thing, but there is a modest fortune for the man who is lucky enough to invent it.

THEY SAY...

IT is wrong to think that because a child does not develop academically at eleven there is something wrong with him.
Mr. Gilbert Longden, M.P.

AN adolescent is a boy who refuses to believe that one day he will be as dumb as his father or as stupid as his headmaster.
Dr. T. J. Honeyman,
Rector of Glasgow University

WHAT this country needs is an army of men and women capable of working on the crafts.
Professor A. E. Richardson, P.R.A.

EDUCATION can ultimately control Armageddon. It has already kept other evils within limits.
Mr. J. G. Lamb,
H.M. Inspector of Schools

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 SPRAG
a Small branch or shoot
b Wedge for checking a wheel
c Active or lively
- 2 INSET
a Place or thrust into
b Understanding of circumstances
c Extra pages in book
- 3 ACHROMATIC
a Sweet-smelling
b Wheezing
c Colourless
- 4 COERCE
a Force
b Exchange of merchandise
c Talk with a person
- 5 SEDULOUS
a Persevering
b Too ready to believe
c Somewhat acid

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Out and About

SPLENDID dragonflies have taken wing in the warm sun, flying from the pond at the end of the meadow, where they were larvae and quite unattractive.

Strange to think they are related to the shrimps that live in that pond, and also to the spider that has made a new web in the old briar bush nearby!

They belong to the huge family of Arthropods, which includes spiders and scorpions: the true insects such as bees, butterflies, and earwigs: crustaceans, like crabs and lobsters; and also the sandhoppers of the seashore, which are closely related to shrimps.

The skeleton of all the Arthropods is on the outside—a horny covering of "chitin" that is in sections. They also have jointed limbs in pairs.

One would have an exceedingly busy time, trying to note down all the Arthropods seen in a day's outing.
C. D. D.

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Next Week's Birthdays

June 19

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662). French philosopher and mathematician. As a young man he invented the first calculating machine after watching his father spend hours poring over his accounts. His still greater gift to the world was his *Pensées sur la Religion*, thoughts on religious themes which have long given courage and consolation to Christians.



June 20

Anna Letitia Barbauld (1743-1825). A poet and miscellaneous writer: both her father and her husband were Presbyterian ministers. She could read before she was three years old. She wrote a collection of Hymns in Prose for Children which were once exceedingly popular. She also edited and published a collection, in 50 volumes, of the works of British novelists.

June 21

Lord Ismay (1887). A distinguished soldier who has been Secretary-General of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, since 1952, and Chairman of the National Institute for the Blind.

June 22

Colonel Sir John Hunt (1910). Soldier and mountaineer. Leader of the victorious Everest expedition of 1953, an expedition planned like a major military operation and one which depended on close teamwork for its success.

June 23

Len Hutton (1916). Yorkshire cricketer who first played for England against Australia in 1938. He holds the record Test cricket score of 364 runs. This season he should captain England for the 26th time, thus beating Australian W. M. Woodfull's world record of Test captaincies.

June 24

John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722), hero of Blenheim and other famous victories. One of the greatest military commanders of history. By his genius Louis XIV's attempts to dominate Europe were soundly defeated.



June 25

Earl Mountbatten of Burma (1900). Since March this year First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. The earlier part of his career includes a brilliant naval record through two wars, supreme command in S.E. Asia, and success in a difficult role as last Viceroy of India.



OUR HOMELAND

Low tide on the River Taw at Barnstaple Bridge, North Devon

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REPORT ON WILD LIFE

NATURE'S HOME
ON A HILL

Visiting the countryside of A. E. Housman's "Shropshire Lad" recently I found nature-lovers very concerned that quarrying operations might spoil some of their best hunting grounds.

On Llanymynech Hill, which lies on the Shropshire-Montgomeryshire border and is particularly rich in historic and natural relics, a meeting has been held between officials of the Nature Conservancy and local naturalists and historians to see if it could be scheduled for protection.

The wild life of Llanymynech Hill includes such butterflies as the brown argus, the pearl-bordered fritillary, the speckled wood, the orange-tip, and the grayling. A local variety of a green leaf-beetle may be seen



An osprey swoops on its prey

resting on the mouse-eared chickweed in summer.

There are a dozen wild orchids, and among the rest of its rich flora is the mountain St. John's wort, the dwarf, stemless thistle, wild Clary, yellow-wort, and field gentian.

You can see where badgers have tunnelled their earths among the rocks on the top, and the raven and the buzzard also have their homes on the hill. Sometimes woodlarks and nightingales may be heard there in Spring.

In Devon the raven and the buzzard have nested at the Chapel Wood sanctuary, near Ilfracombe, and elsewhere in the county there have been such uncommon visitors as the night heron at Loddiswell, and the American lesser yellowlegs on the River Clyst which flows into the Exe at Topsham. Avocets and spoonbills were also visitors to river estuaries. Ring ouzels nested on Dartmoor and Exmoor, where a cock bird drove a buzzard away from its bush, and red-backed shrikes were seen on Woodbury Common and at Chudleigh Knighton.

CORMORANT CONFUSION

In Sussex Cory's shearwater, a rare seabird, visited the coast, while the shoveller nested at Thornley, and the black redstart at Eastbourne.

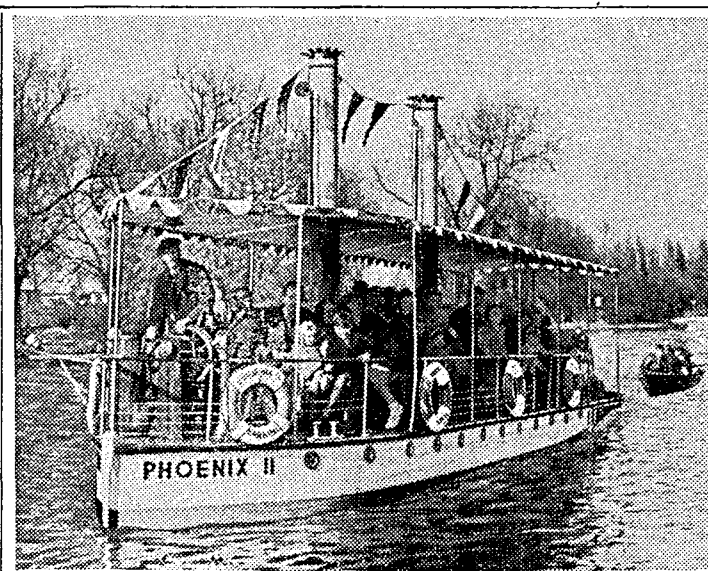
For many years naturalists have claimed a Southern variety for the cormorant. This was said to be the kind nesting on the Continent and to be distinguished by its whitish head. But British ornithologists have now decided that this is no longer reliable as a field-clue because, among the British cormorants, which normally have a dark head and white throat, some have been found with the same white head as Continental cormorants.

BEAUTIFUL VISITOR

Among the more interesting birds which visited this country in the latter part of the Spring migration, in May, was a bee-eater. This is a beautifully-coloured blue-green and golden-yellow Mediterranean bird which only rarely visits western Britain, and it was seen in Caernarvonshire. An osprey, a fish-hawk which dives into the water to capture its prey, was watched feeding during May by ornithologists at the freshwater marsh near Morecambe Bay. The "osprey" plumes of fashion, by the way, come from the white egret, which is quite a different bird, and like a heron.

The Potteries may be known to you as an industrial area of

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Popular
in the
Playground

Local enterprise in providing amusement for younger citizens is illustrated by these pictures. On the left is a model of an old Mississippi sternwheeler built for the children by Barking Council in Essex. It cruises on the lake in the local park. Below is an old trolley bus which has been installed in the children's playground at Southend. The amateur "bus crew" seem to be having a fine time.

Curls out of
fashion

The short, "fuzzy" locks of southern Africa's black folk seem to be going out of fashion. This is judging from the success of a preparation marketed by chemists in the Union of South Africa.

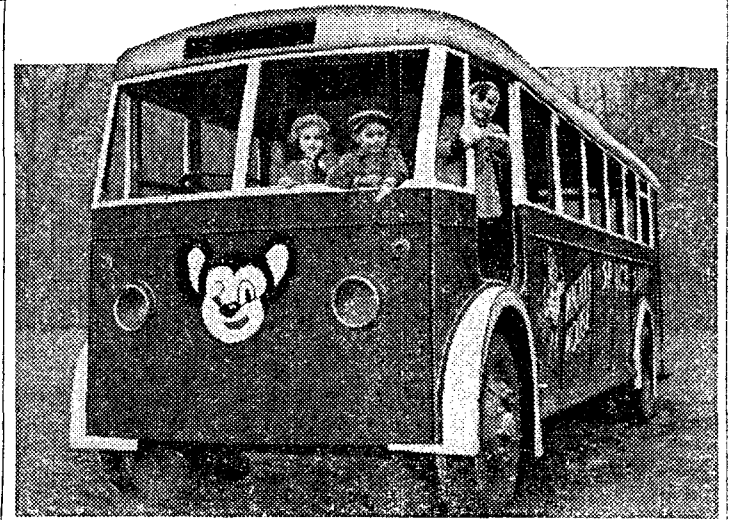
It is rather like the "home perm" in reverse, for it will, claim the makers, completely straighten kinks and crinkles of any hair-conscious native, making it look "just like a European's."

The odd thing about this popular vogue is that it is largely masculine. In many areas of the Union and the Rhodesias the small bottles, containing the preparation in jelly form, are selling well. The smart young African, turning increasingly to Western ways and attire, is expected to apply it carefully for at least a week if he desires to retain the "Straight Look."

smoky gloom and seemingly with little attraction for the nature-lover. However, the countryside on its doorstep is far from barren, and the Newcastle-under-Lyme Natural History Society recently held a one-day field-study of the wild flowers around Barlaston.

One of the most interesting wild flowers along the stream near here is the pink American flower known as *Claytonia alsinoides*. In the past 100 years it has steadily colonised the British Isles.

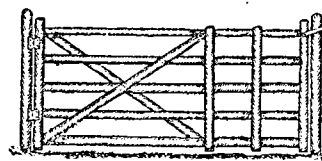
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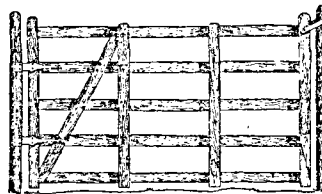
KNOW WHAT YOU SEE

15. Field gates

It is often possible to tell which county one is in by the set of its field-gate bars.



Warwickshire (above) and Hampshire gates



Nearly all field gates are uniform as to their five horizontal

bars, but most counties have their own ideas in cross-bars.

Hampshire, for instance, sports two uprights and one diagonal. Wiltshire uses the same pattern, but with uprights set closer together.

Warwickshire prefers two uprights at one end, the remaining space filled by two bars set X-shaped. Occasionally there is a short bar running downward from the middle of the X.

In the North, notably in Yorkshire, the preference is for several uprights crossed by a diagonal from corner to corner. Welsh counties run a remarkable collection of designs from a double V to patterns without diagonals but with uprights at all sorts of strange slants.

M. T.

STAMP ALBUM



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THE PENINSULA OF ADEN, INCLUDING THE PORT, BECAME A CROWN COLONY IN 1937 AND ISSUED HER FIRST STAMPS THAT YEAR. THE ADJOINING ARAB STATES FORM A PROTECTORATE & THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT, SHIHR & MUKALLA, AND SEIYUN, BEGAN TO ISSUE THEIR OWN STAMPS IN 1942. ALTHOUGH ALL THE STAMPS BEAR THE WORD 'ADEN', THEY SHOULD BE COLLECTED SEPARATELY.



THEY
LOOK
ALIKE
BUT
LOOK AGAIN

THE 1904 ISSUE OF AUSTRIA DIFFERED FROM THE 1899 ONLY AT THE CORNERS. THE LATER SET SHOWS THE VALUES ON A PLAIN BACKGROUND.



AN
ERROR
IN
IDENTITY

THIS STAMP, ISSUED TO CELEBRATE THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF NEWCASTLE (N.S.W.), WAS SUPPOSED TO PICTURE LT. SHORTLAND, DISCOVERER OF THE HUNTER RIVER ON WHICH THE TOWN IS BUILT. THE MAN PORTRAYED IS ACTUALLY HIS FATHER!

WILD MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TAMED

The Ibans, famous "Wild Men of Borneo," have undergone a wonderful change. Mr. Bruce Morton, senior pilot of the Borneo Evangelical Mission, told Australians recently of how Christianity has influenced their lives.

For the past four years Mr. Morton has flown the mission plane, an Auster Aiglet, over the rugged territory of North Borneo and Sarawak.

There are 16 jungle airstrips available for him to land on. None of them is longer than 350 yards and few wider than 15 yards. Nine have been hewn out of the jungle by the members of the native church.

Mr. Morton has to fly food, medical supplies, and native pastors and their families to remote out-stations from the headquarters at Lawas, which is just across Brunei Bay from Labuan.

KEEN ON THE BIBLE

The Ibans, called the Wild Men of Borneo from their once cannibalistic habits, are today quiet, peaceful, appreciative, and keen to learn more of the Bible. The complete change had taken ten years.

Said Mr. Morton: "The trained natives from our Bible Institute at Lawas are now going out as pastors and teachers to their own tribes. When one thinks back to their previous pagan position, when natives simply would not dare to go into another tribal area, it is all the more remarkable."

"All the natives who have not been Christianised, live in a perpetual state of fear from evil spirits which, they claim, govern every aspect of their lives and property. It is a joy to land in my tiny plane and see the relief when they are freed from these beliefs by our Christian teachings."

Steps to Sporting Fame



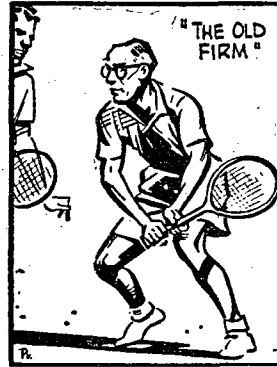
Shirley Park Lawn Tennis Club, in Surrey, is proud to number two current Davis Cup men among its members—up-and-coming Roger Becker and the long-established Geoffrey Paish.



Geoff, a civil servant, was born at Croydon in 1922 and educated at Whitgift Middle School. He gave his friends plenty to talk about by winning the British Singles (under 16) title in 1937, followed by the British Schoolboys' Open Singles championship one year later.



War came soon afterwards and all thoughts of Wimbledon had to be forgotten. Geoff Paish joined the R.A.F., working in radar. In a restricted way he was able to keep up his tennis and played for Bomber Command in 1945. His international career began at the war's end.



It was then that he struck up his famous partnership with Tony Mottram. At a time when Britain's tennis fortunes were at a very low ebb, these two kept the flag flying. A number of young players are coming along now, but Mottram and Paish are still at the top.

MERRY-GO-ROUND FOR AIRMEN

A kind of scientific whirligig is now being used by the R.A.F. to test the force of gravity on pilots when they make high speed turns and dives in modern jet aircraft. It will also be used in the testing of guided missiles.

Called a man-carrying centrifuge, the device consists of a 60-foot rotating arm, pivoted in the centre, with a small cabin at each end. A 2200 h.p. motor can turn the arm up to 115 m.p.h. At this speed a force is exerted of 30g, or 30 times the force of gravity—far beyond the limit of human endurance.

Sensitive electrical equipment is used to record the effects on a passenger when this £350,000 merry-go-round is in use, and he can also describe his sensations.

An elaborate safety mechanism is provided so that either the passenger or any of the observers can slow the arm, but not until they all agree can its speed be increased. Should any electrical fault occur, emergency brakes bring the arm to a rapid halt.

When a top-speed run has been completed, a 100-m.p.h. whirlwind remains in the testing chamber, and no one can enter until this has calmed down.

PENGUIN STEAK FOR DINNER

How would you fancy penguin steaks or cakes made with penguin eggs?

That is the sort of fare that Mr. Gwilym Owen of Ystalyfera had while he was making a meteorological and geological investigation of two Antarctic islands.

Mr. Owen, the wireless operator on the research ship John Biscoe which left England in October 1952, spent a year with four companions on one of the uninhabited Falkland Islands dependencies. There they learned to cook penguin steaks and other strange dishes.

SLAVE ISLAND MAY BE OIL ISLAND

A British traveller has been describing to a C.N. correspondent what life is like on Mafia Island which a century ago was a headquarters of the Arab slave traders along the coast of East Africa.

Mafia (about the size of the Isle of Wight) is 80 miles off the coast of Tanganyika. Arab sailing boats still carry the dried copra to the mainland from the island's coconut trees. But beneath the vessels' hatches there are no longer the secret holes into which slaves were stuffed when a British patrol was spotted on the horizon.

The Mafia slaves were not

badly treated. They had to work only 15 days a month, were well fed, and could earn pocket money by selling produce from their gardens.

The coconut trees were all planted by their labour, and most of the Arab families are living on plantations which they inherited from their slave-owning fathers and grandfathers.

But today Mafia is poverty-stricken and there is not enough work because the old landowners themselves are too poor to pay for labour.

The island has many old stone mansions erected in the prosperous days. One village has been deserted since the night, nearly 100 years ago, when Moorish seamen landed and killed some of the Arabs. No African will now live there, and will only go into it to leave an offering of salt. Precious gold ornaments are still believed to be buried within the old stone houses but so great is the fear of the dead that no thief dare steal them.

The coasts of Mafia Island are a paradise for the fisherman. In a day's trolling from a motor-launch he can come home with at least 300 lb. of baracuda, rock cod, and kingfish, the giant mackerel of the Indian Ocean. All these are good to eat. But dried coconut, or copra, brings in the main income.

A team of oil prospectors is slowly exploring the island and deep bores have been sunk in the hope that oil will bring wealth once more to the people of this one-time headquarters of the slave runners.

HOLIDAY WITH EXTRA PAY

Twenty employees of a Hull timber firm have spent a fine holiday in Ostend with their wives and friends. It was the firm's way of saying "Thank You" for a year's good work.

The party flew out from Manchester Airport and, in addition to having their bill paid, each of the employees were given £11 to spend.

PROUD REGIMENT

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment celebrates its 270th anniversary on June 20.

First raised as the 10th Foot in 1685, it has served in every war since 1689 including: Marlborough's Campaigns, the Peninsular War, and the Indian Mutiny. Renamed the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1881, it was granted the title "Royal" in 1946.

CLIVE OF INDIA—new picture-story of the soldier who founded an empire (10)

Certain leading Indians in Bengal had started a conspiracy to depose tyrannical Suraj-ud-Dowlah—the enemy of the English—and make Mir Jaffir ruler in his

place. Clive and his associates decided to support this movement and they proposed a secret treaty with Mir Jaffir. But the cunning fellow they employed as go-

between, Ormichund, threatened to reveal the whole plot unless the treaty guaranteed him £300,000. Clive then devised a way of beating the rascally Ormichund.



To deceive Ormichund, Clive had a fake copy of the treaty made in which he was promised his £300,000. But the real copy was sent to Mir Jaffir. Clive was afterwards criticised for this, but he maintained that he had had to match a rogue's cunning. The small English force then marched towards Suraj-ud-Dowlah's capital, hoping to be joined by Mir Jaffir's army on the way. But there was no sign of the rebel leader.

Letters were sent by trusty messengers to Mir Jaffir, who replied with vague promises of action. Clive began to mistrust his ally, and to doubt whether his own little force dared face Suraj-ud-Dowlah's host, without Mir Jaffir's help. Most of his officers were for retreat, and Clive at first agreed. Later he boldly decided to advance, and sent another letter asking Mir Jaffir to join the English at Plassey.

On June 23, 1757, Clive saw from a rooftop the enemy host of some 53,000 men—among them being Mir Jaffir and his 10,000. If they did not desert the enemy and join Clive it seemed that the English force of 3200 would be overwhelmed. The battle was opened by the enemy's big guns, manned by Frenchmen who were allies of Suraj-ud-Dowlah. Their fire forced the English to retire to a wood.

A providential rainstorm stopped the enemy's guns. Thinking the English guns had also been put out of action by the rain, a mass of cavalry came charging towards the wood. But Clive had seen to it that his men protected their powder, and they continued firing. Undeterred, the enemy horsemen swept on towards the tiny English force. And still there was no sign of a friendly move from Mir Jaffir.

Clive is in one of the tightest corners of his life. See next week's instalment

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THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

The Richardson children and the Langton family have now reached the vicarage at East Gill—a village in Swaledale where they are to spend a fortnight's holiday. When having tea on the day of their arrival, there is a knock at the front door and to the children's surprise it is Ginger Whiskers, the rude young man Paul, Sally, and Elizabeth had met on the train. He asks for lodgings but Paul is convinced that the man is following them.

6. Crackpot

THE next morning was Sunday. The rain, in sharp silver spears, slashed against the window panes while at the breakfast table the children were arguing about the best way of spending the day.

"I'm not going to let the weather stop me from exploring," Paul said firmly. "I've got a compass and the map and I've made up my mind to climb to the top of those fells and follow some of the streams up to where they start. Then I can write to Dad and tell him what I've done. Of course, you girls can do what you like..."

"We don't care what you do, Paul," Elizabeth interrupted, "just as long as you don't keep worrying us to come with you."

Paul's invitation

"I'll come with you, Paul," Veronica said suddenly. "I'll go anywhere and Hugh will come, too, but not today because we're going to talk to Mrs. Thornton. We love her very much."

After breakfast the vicar shut himself up in his study and Mrs. Langton took Hugh and Veronica into the kitchen. Paul, Sally, and Elizabeth went outside to watch the roaring beck swollen by the night's rain.

"Are you girls coming exploring with me after lunch or not?" Paul asked. "I've found a place

on the map on the other side of the Swale called Crackpot."

"I'm not going if it's like this," Elizabeth said firmly, as she pulled the hood of her mac closer over her head. "There's no sense in getting wet through."

Paul snorted with disgust. "You're hopeless! Let's go in and look at the map anyway."

Back in the dining-room Paul spread the map out on the table.

"See where the Swale winds round the other side of the hill? We've got to cross this hill or walk back to Muker to get to the river. Here's Crackpot, and right above, if you look carefully, you'll see 'Mine' marked. It's miles away from anywhere and I bet it's a mysterious old place."

"What's that stream called? The one which comes down a valley into the river?" Sally asked.

Paul turned the map sideways. "Looks like Swinnergill. Seems as if they call these streams gills sometimes as well as becks."

Warning

"Shall I look up Crackpot in the index of that book Mrs. Quegley gave to us?" Sally asked. "The book may be useful, but I wish I knew what Mrs. Quegley has got to do with us. None of you seem interested in that mystery."

Before either of them could answer, Mrs. Langton came in and reminded them about church, so there was no other opportunity of discussing the curious Mrs. Quegley.

When the service was over, the sun was shining and a mist was rising from the wet roads. Mrs. Thornton soon cut some sandwiches when Sally agreed to go exploring with Paul. The housekeeper was surprised when she learnt that they were going to Crackpot and told them that the deserted house was unsafe and that they should take special care.

Elizabeth was waiting for them at the front door. "I think you're both crazy but I'll come along some of the way with you."

Paul grunted his disapproval. "We don't want to tire you, Liz," he said. "We go along the road up the dale for a mile and then over the hill down to the river. When we're on top I reckon we ought to see Crackpot on the other side of the valley. Let's start."

"I s'pose you know what you're doing, Sally?" Elizabeth said, as she tried to keep in step with the two Richardsons. "When you two are huddling under a rock trying to keep your sandwiches dry, I shall be enjoying a good Sunday dinner."

Task for Elizabeth

"You're the one who'll be sorry," Paul replied. "Anyway, I don't see why you shouldn't nose round a bit and see if you can find out what's happened to Ginger Whiskers. I heard him say something about making East Gill his centre and we jolly well ought to know what he's getting up to."

On their left the beck, which ran so fast and deep through East Gill, rushed over its stony bed and swirled into foam-flecked pools. On the other side of the road, beyond a row of ash trees, the green fields, each with its wall and grey stone barn, stretched up to the flanks of the great hill on the other side of which was the Swale.

"How far are you coming, Liz?" asked Sally.

"Just till you start to climb and then I'll go back and do some sleuthing."

They walked for another quarter of a mile and then Sally saw a narrow gap in the wall on the right of the road.

"That's what they have instead of stiles. You just squeeze through. That must be our path, Paul."

Lonely house

Paul pulled out his map and struggled to open it against the wind. As they bent over it in the shelter of the wall, the first drops of rain of a new storm plopped on to it.

"There's the track marked by a dotted line, Paul," Sally said. "But how do we cross the river?"

"Ford or swim. How can I tell till we get there?" Paul said, as he squeezed through the gap in the wall followed by Sally. "Cheerio, Liz," they called as Elizabeth ran back along the road.

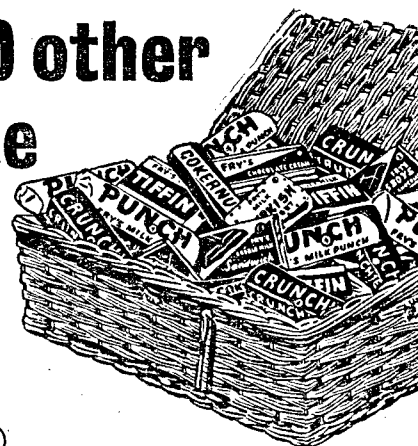
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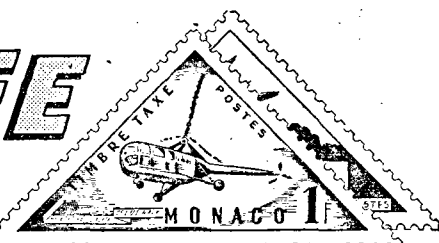
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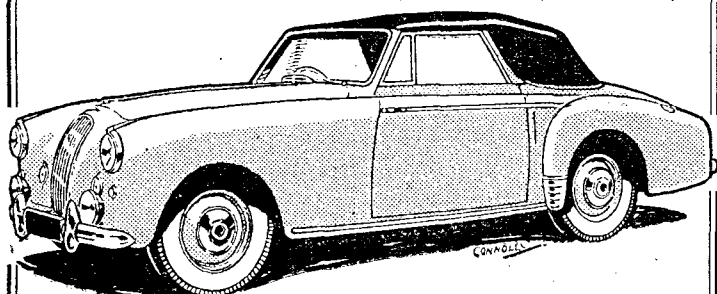
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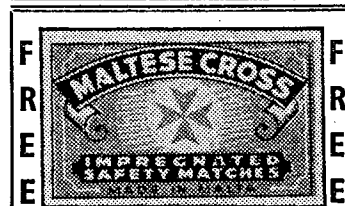
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THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

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slope of the hill, the clouds broke again and there was a glimpse of the sun. Ten minutes later they were on the flat top of the hill.

"There you are," Paul shouted excitedly. "There's old Crackpot. Look at those piles of grey stuff about the house. That must have been where the mine was. What do you think of it, Sall?"

Sally shivered and not only because the sun had gone in again. This was one of the loneliest places she had ever seen.

"Let's cross the river as soon as we can," Paul said. "I want to see that old place and the mine. And look, Sall. See the steep valley right opposite with the stream coming down it? That's Swinnegill."

Deserted camp

It took them only ten minutes to reach the river, but when they saw the rushing, tumbling water fretting and tearing at its banks, they realised that the only way to cross would be by bridge. Paul, rather subdued, got out the map again.

"Sorry, Sall," he said, "I should have realised that we couldn't cross here. There's a bridge down by Muker, but there's another marked higher up beyond those woods that looks nearer."

A track led them along the river bank and then through a wood. When they came out into the

open again Paul, who was ahead, stopped in sudden surprise.

"Look, Sall. A camp. Looks deserted, too."

Not far from the river and in the shelter of a wall stood two small tents with the flaps closed.

"Wonder who camps here?" Paul went on.

"Perhaps they're our nearest neighbours and we ought to call on them sometime," Sally laughed. "But not now, Paul, please. Let's find the bridge."

White-faced stranger

They soon reached a narrow footbridge, and when they had crossed the river they realised that they were going to have a steep climb up to Crackpot. The higher they climbed the more sinister looked the lonely house. The wind howled and the slanting rain slashed at their faces as they stared up at the black windows gaping across the dale like empty eye sockets. Neither of them spoke until they were standing by a broken gate.

"We'll have to shelter for a bit, Sall," Paul said. "We needn't actually go right inside..." and he took a few steps up a stone path.

Before Sally could answer, the front door of Crackpot opened suddenly. On the threshold, in the shadows, stood a white-faced boy of about 16. Sally's heart banged against her ribs.

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SPORTS SHORTS

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THE threat of frost to professional football matches may soon be a thing of the past. The Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, Yorkshire, announce that complete defrosting equipment can now be installed for under £3000. Only four years ago the cost of equipment was £10,000.

DEREK IBBOTSON, 22-year-old Huddersfield athlete, was little known prior to this season except as a cross-country runner. But at the recent British Games he ran a remarkable three-mile race, beating the internationals Frank Sando and Ken Norris. Just a week previously, at Manchester, he finished a close second to Gordon Pirie over 2000 metres. He is an R.A.F. radar fitter.

ESSEX has always figured prominently in schools' sport, and more than 1000 boys and girls will take part in the Essex Schools' Athletics Championships to be held on Saturday at the Mayesbrook Farm arena, Barking.

In fine style



Fifteen-year-old Rodney Cookson clears a hurdle in fine style while competing in the Hammersmith Schools' Athletic Association's meeting at London's White City.

MANY of the leading English, Scottish, and Welsh swimmers and divers will represent Britain in a match against a team from Germany, at Aberdeen, on Friday and Saturday. One of the newest British representatives will be 16-year-old Judy Grinham, Hampstead schoolgirl, who was selected after she had set up a new English 100-yards back-stroke record of 66.3 seconds.

The head shows how

GUY WILLATT, last season's captain of Derbyshire, is playing this summer for Kendal in Westmorland. The former Cambridge Blue is now headmaster of the Heversham Grammar School, and his forceful batting and keen fielding should prove a great asset to the Northern League.

COLIN COWDREY, one of England's best young batsmen, entered the R.A.F. after his successful tour in Australia; but recently he was discharged as medically unfit. He suffers from a stiffening of the joints of his big toes, a complaint which may prematurely end his brilliant sporting career.

DIANE LEATHER, 22-year-old Birmingham analyst, and the first woman athlete to run a mile in five minutes, recently beat her own record when she covered the distance in four minutes 50.8 seconds. In that same event two more of England's women runners became "five-minute milers," for Leila Buckland returned a time of four minutes 54.8 seconds, and Phyllis Perkins four minutes 57.2 seconds.



The heave-ho girls

W.R.A.F.s at Shawbury in Shropshire give a good account of themselves on the tug-o'-war rope.

FOLLOWING the great race at the White City in which three men did the mile in under four minutes, Ken Wood of Sheffield set up a new British Empire record for the two miles. Now he is confident that not only can he become the sixth man to run a four-minute mile but that he can break John Landy's record of three minutes 58 seconds.

FAST bowlers are always news, and there are reports from the West Indies of a 20-year-old cricketer who is regarded as being faster than our own Frank Tyson. He is six-foot-five Errell Charles, of the Windward Islands.

THE athletics highlight of the weekend will be the Kinnaird meeting at Chiswick which will include the Polytechnic Marathon from Windsor, where the runners will be set off on their long trek by Princess Margaret. Now that Jim Peters has retired his great friend, Stan Cox of Southgate, may finish first instead of second, which he has done so often behind Peters. But it should again be a very fine race, with Joe McGhee the Empire champion; Jackie Mekler of South Africa; and Eddie Kirkup from Rotherham as strong rivals to Stan Cox.

NO one claps more heartily or sighs more deeply at the fluctuation of any game in which the South African cricketers are playing than a grey-haired lady in the stands. She is Mrs. R. S. Cheetham, mother of the Springboks' captain Jack Cheetham, who has come to England to watch the Tests

First hat-trick

BANNISTER is a famous name in athletics, and it may soon be as famous in cricket, for John Bannister, Warwickshire's 24-year-old fast bowler, is the first man to achieve a hat-trick this season. Born at Wolverhampton, he went to school within a stone's throw of Warwickshire's ground at Edgbaston. He joined the County staff in 1950.



MORE and more young swimmers are entering the "records" class. One of the latest is 15-year-old Albert Richards, from Stoke Newington, who has set up a new Southern Counties junior 200-yards breast-stroke record of two minutes 46.6 seconds. He is a pupil at the Grocers' Schools at Hackney.

Stamp News

A NEW Australian stamp symbolises the Dominion's friendship with America. It has been issued to coincide with the anniversary of the Coral Sea Battle, when combined Australian and American



Australian. The stamp (shown here) has a portrait of the Queen and the upper half of the American memorial at Canberra.

A STAMP collection to be auctioned in America soon is expected to realise about £1,000,000.

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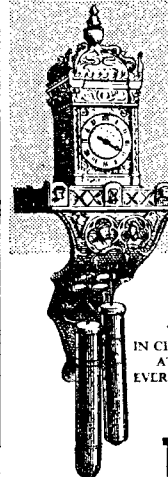
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A bird that feeds on carrion is called a vulcan.
Two pints equal one quart.
Nota Bene: Being without money.
A violin is shaped something like a Cellophane.
A figure with eight sides is called an octogenarian.
Avoirdupois: Have some green peas.

SPOT THE . . .

CATERPILLAR of the Painted Lady butterfly as it feeds on a thistle. The body colour varies from blackish to grey-green. It has a dark grey head covered with bristles, a black line along its back, and yellow lines along its sides.

Although the caterpillar turns to a chrysalis, the severity of our winter prevents it from growing into a butterfly.

The beautiful painted ladies which we see during the summer months are visitors which have flown here from abroad.

SPORTING QUIZ

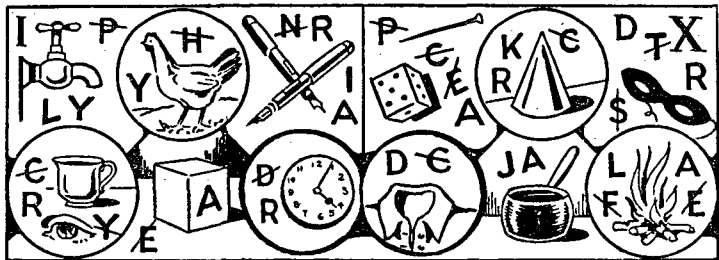
To what County Cricket team does Frank Tyson belong?
Who rides (a) Foxhunter
(b) Tosca?
Who partners Tony Mottram in the Davis Cup matches?
What is the full name of "Little Mo"?
Which team is the present holder of the F.A. Cup?
Who holds the one-mile running record?

Answer in column 5

A QUESTION OF MONEY

Hidden here are the names of six countries and their national money. Can you find them?

Answer in column 5



BEDTIME TALE

BILLY TAKES A TRIP

BILLY was playing in the garden when Daddy came out. "Come on, Billy," he said. "we are going for a train ride."

They set off up the road but instead of turning right at the top Daddy turned left.

"That's not the way to the station, Daddy," said Billy.

"We're not going to the station. We're going for a train ride," said Daddy.

Billy looked puzzled, then shrugged his shoulders. How they could have a train ride without going to the station he did not know.

He was still puzzled when Daddy led the way to the front

PLAIN FARE

LITTLE Anne had been asked what she wanted for tea. "Just a ham sandwich," she said, "without the bread."

FIVE WORDS WITHIN

Can you find the name of the famous composer (of six letters) which contains five words answering to the following clues?

My first four letters form a small piece of meat.

Letters 1,3,5,6—used to buy things.
Letters 2,3,4—to leap on one leg.
Letters 5,6—opposite to out.
Letters 4,5,6—a metal fastener.

Answer in column 5

ANSWERING BACK

In days gone by our forefathers were often amused to hear witty retorts such as these:

An officer had just said that if he were unlucky enough to have a stupid son he would make him a parson. A clergyman who was in the company spoke up: "You think differently from your father then."

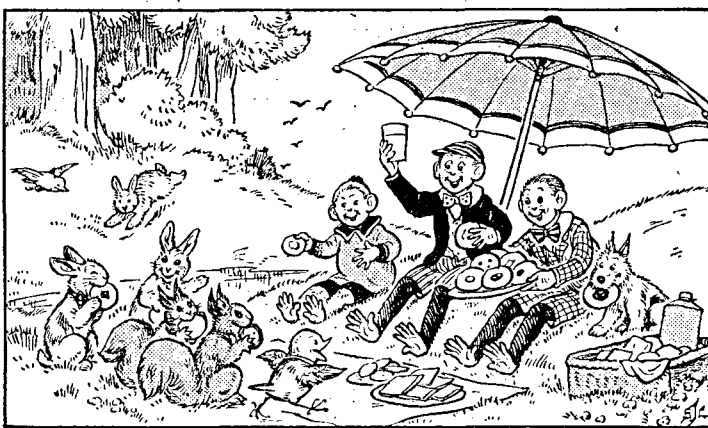
A FAMOUS author was once cornered by a person who insisted on babbling about nothing in particular. After a time he said: "I fear I have been intruding on your attention."

"Not at all," said the author, "I have not been listening."

SHERIDAN once excused himself from walking with a talkative woman because of bad weather. Later she met him again. "Ah," she said, "the weather has cleared up."

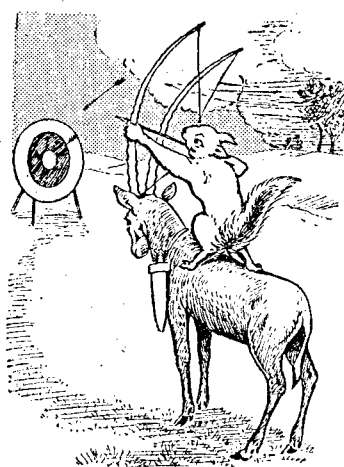
"Just a little, ma'am, enough for one, but not enough for two."

PLENTY FOR ALL AT JACKO'S PICNIC



Jacko and Co. were having a wonderful picnic, when the birds, the bunnies, and the squirrels all appeared on the scene—and what's more, joined in the feast! "Come on," cried Chimp to all and sundry, "come and join us. The more the merrier." Jacko agreed, for he himself could not eat any more—and even Bouncer was full up!

SPORTS AT THE ZOO



"I SHOT an arrow into the air. It fell," and these two know just where, For teamwork and a good strong pull Will send the shaft into the bull.

WHAT . . .

. . . is the difference between a fisherman and a lazy schoolboy? One bolls his hook and the other hates his book.

WORRYING QUESTION

DEREK was being put to bed by Daddy.

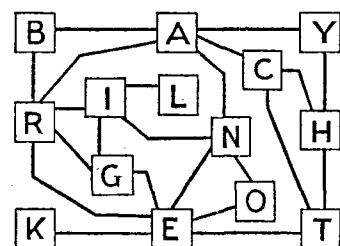
"Why is Mummy's hair going grey?" he said.

"Maybe because you've not been a very good boy," replied Daddy with a twinkle in his eye.

"M'm. Mummy must have been very naughty then when she was a little girl; look at all the grey hairs that Granny has."

SHIP AHoy!

By starting at certain letters and following the connecting lines, you can find the names of



six kinds of watercraft. The letters can be used several times provided they are linked. What are they?

Answer in column 5

ADD A WORD

Can you find the answers to these clues and then add the same three-letter word to each to give them quite different meanings?

UNTIDY muddle.

Look closely.

Assert.

Mode of dress.

A sea-fish.

Gentle slope.

Large number of people.

A large heap.

Answer in column 5

NEW BREED

"So you had a puppy for your birthday?" said aunt beam- ing. "what sort is it?"

"A real cock-eyed spaniel," came the proud answer.

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THE TALE OF BUNNY

HAVE you heard the tale of Bunny? How one day when it was sunny He went out to steal some carrots; 'Twasn't right— And he started eating proudly, Till the farmer shouted loudly, Then he scrambled through the hedge in Such a fright?

Have you seen the tail of Bunny? Oh, he didn't think it funny, For that hedge was very prickly and Unkind; And he went in such a flurry— Farmers can make bunnies hurry! That he found he'd left his poor wee tail Behind!

IF . . .

. . . you put a penny in the corner of the room what does it do?

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ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1b, 2c, 3c, 4a, 5a

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Sporting quiz. Northamptonshire; (a) Col. H. Lewellyn; (b) Miss P. Smythe; Geoffrey Paish; Maureen Connolly; Newcastle United; J. Landy of Australia

A question of money. Italy—lira; Persia—rial; India—rupee; Denmark—krone; Cuba—dollar; Japan—yen

Five words within.

Chopin

Ship ahoy! Brig;

canoe; liner; barge;

ketch; yacht

Add a word. Mess-

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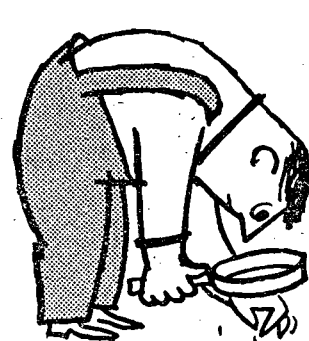
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